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NEWSLETTER

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Hallelujah Anyhow!

As I write this, we are in the shadow of so many things. A devastating shooting in Las Vegas. A terror attack in Edmonton resulting in several injuries. A police officer shot in our neighbouring community of Valleyfield. Add to that hurricanes, earthquakes, forest fires, and floods. It is not a 'rosy' time.

But it makes me think of a minister with whom I had on-line conversations back in the 1990's - his 'tagline' became "Hallelujah Anyhow!" His 'tagline' came out of conversations where suffering and difficulties were clearly recognized: not downplayed or ignored, not greeted with apathy or uncaring. The tough things were seen for what they were, and they were not minimized.

But, in the same moment, the 'tagline' affirms that we are people of faith. And in the middle of all the stuff that is going on, which cannot and should not be minimized, we still have faith. As people of faith, we know the Easter story - that Christ went through very real suffering and torture and death. And that Christ rose again. This Easter story becomes the metaphor for our existence as followers of Christ, in that so often we find that God is with us through the tough things, and so often situations will improve dramatically, even in our living. And the Easter story becomes the metaphor for our existence in that the story will always end with eternal life.

And so, declaring "Hallelujah Anyhow!" we lift up prayers in the tough things - things that touch our own lives directly, and those that touch the lives of our neighbours in every part of this troubled world.

But this is Thanksgiving season. Perhaps we need to alter those words of the tagline for this season, and declare: "Thanksgiving Anyhow!" In the face of all those things - human caused suffering, and natural disaster - we can still proclaim "Thanksgiving Anyhow!" Not to minimize the suffering in the world around us. But in declaration that we are people of faith, that in the midst of it all there are still many, many wonderful blessings around us*. And we can proclaim "Thanksgiving Anyhow!" because we are people of faith and hope - and we know that God is still at work in our world - indeed, in this world, and in the next.

So, indeed, let us declare: "Thanksgiving Anyhow!"

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Minister, Hudson Pastoral Charge
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* "blessings around us": take the time to name blessings and wonderful things in the world around you - people, the wonders of creation and more. Actually name them, and give thanks in prayer!

Our Seasonal Calendar

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday Services are held at 10.30 a.m. in Wyman Church, with a special Children's Area welcoming children of all ages.

Sunday October 8	Thanksgiving Sunday. Sacrament of Holy Communion.
Sunday October 15	World Food Sunday.
Sunday October 22	Peace Sunday. Stewardship Luncheon
Sunday October 29	All Saints' Sunday.
Sunday November 5	Remembrance Day Service



Committee Meetings:

Wednesday October 11	Council Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday October 11	Property Meeting	5.30 p.m.
Wednesday October 18	Worship & Fellowship Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday October 24	Outreach Meeting	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday October 25	Stewardship & Finance Meeting	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday October 31	Communications Meeting	11.00 a.m.



Welcome to children!

We, as a congregation, love to see children on Sunday mornings in the church. Wyman Church has a special concern for children in faith which starts with welcoming them into the congregation, so with this in mind, we have a special Children's Corner at the back of the Sanctuary.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE CHOIR

NOW THAT AUTUMN is truly upon us, and with inevitable winter just ahead, we choir members wish to add our words of thanks for the plentiful bounty bestowed upon us all. We are truly blessed.

WE ALSO WANT to add a special Thank You to the congregation for your generous appreciation of what we bring to the service each Sunday. Your warmth keeps us going.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED to know that on Thanksgiving Sunday the Choir will introduce a new anthem. Entitled *Look at the World*, it was composed especially for the harvest season in 1996 by John Rutter, an English composer known for his carols and choral works.

FOLLOWING THE RICH reception our two delightful Chorister for a Day events received last spring, plans are afoot to bring back another edition on October 29, Reformation Sunday. More information will be coming soon, so keep watching for it. Did you know that one of last year's participants Geoff Cobden is now a regular member of the Choir? Our doors are always open!

IN CLOSING WE wish to acknowledge the recent, heart-filled gift made to the Wyman Choir by Kanata, ON resident Harry Needham. This is what he wrote in the note that accompanying his donation:

"My late sister-in-law Lynn Melkman Poirier, and my late wife, Brenda Melkman Needham, both loved to sing in your choir. I enclose, in their memory a cheque, which I would like used to support the choir...Yours sincerely, Harry Needham."

Thank you Harry, for this precious gift... We are most grateful, and we hope that someday soon, when you find yourself in Hudson, we will have the opportunity to express our gratitude in person, and if feasible, in song.

Melodiously speaking, The Choir

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

October is Stewardship Month.

You will have received a stewardship letter and pledge form by email or by mail. Extra copies are on the table at the back of the church. Lots of pertinent information is contained in the letter from your Stewardship & Finance Committee Chair. Please consider giving by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) - it is an easy way for you to give to your church on a regular basis. We would appreciate the return of these Pledge Forms by the end of the month to facilitate the presentation of the budget for 2018. On **Sunday October 22**, you are all invited to a pizza and salad luncheon, sponsored by the Stewardship & Finance Committee.

*Please also remember **FUNDSCRIP** is an easy way to fundraise by using gift cards for your everyday purchases (groceries, gas etc.) and Wyman receives 3-5% on these purchases. Special promotions are published each month in the 'United News'.*

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### Fall Book Sale - October 27 and 28

**Friday 6 to 9 p.m. & Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

A large selection of fiction, non-fiction, reference, children's, special books and magazines (eg. National Geographic, Smithsonian, etc.) available at lowest prices. This is a great chance to stock up on your fall and winter reading

**Don't miss this popular event!**

Should anyone wish to donate books and/or jigsaw puzzles to the Wyman Outreach Mega Book Sale either put in the bin provided outside or make arrangements with the office at 450-458-4912 between 9am and noon, Tuesday to Friday.

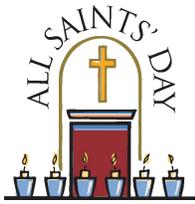
Should anyone wish to volunteer time to make this Book Sale another success, please see the sign up sheets at the back of the church or call Inga at 450-242-2893. Set-up starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 at 9 a.m. We also require help at the end of the sale on Saturday starting at 2:00 p.m. to box the unsold materials and put them away until the spring sale. Any help would be graciously accepted. All proceeds go to local and overseas outreach projects of the Mission and Service Fund.



Thank you for your undying support. **We couldn't do it without you!**

Proceeds from events such as the Book Sale enable the Outreach Committee to disperse funds twice a year. This Fall the following charities, foundations etc. received donations:

Nova Hudson  
Le Pont Bridging  
V-D Palliative Care Residence  
Grannies Aid for Africa  
Pure Art Foundation  
St. Columba House  
Montreal City Mission  
Concordia Chaplaincy,  
Arc En Ciel  
Central Asia Institute  
Hébergement La Passerelle  
Summerlea United Church Refugee Programme  
Haitian Helping Hands



All Saints Day Service will be held on **Sunday October 29**.  
You are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one. Please advise the church office if you wish to participate.

**Upcoming in November.....**

**Remembrance Day Service**  
**Sunday November 5 at 10.30 a.m.**



**Wyman Breakfast Group**

The Wyman Breakfast Group will **not** meet in October.

The next Breakfast will be held on **November 11 at 9 a.m.** John Lawson will talk on his visit to Vimy Ridge.



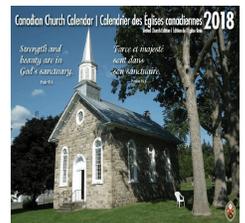
**Turkey Dinner - Saturday November 18.**

Please make note of the date of our popular Turkey Dinner.  
Tickets will be available soon.

**2018 Church Calendars on sale now at \$6.00 each.**

Colourful photos of United Churches from across the country and notes special days and church seasons.

Sign up sheet on the table or order by calling the church office at 450-458-4912 or by email.



We thank all those who support our church by hosting coffee hours, ushering and reading on Sundays, singing in the choir, placing flowers in the sanctuary, collecting used stamps, plastic bread ties and canned drinks openers, baking for receptions, washing dishes and all the things that make the church a lively, friendly place to be! We give special thanks to Rachel Cobden who beautifies the narthex with her seasonal displays. Check out the website [www.wyman-hudson.ca](http://www.wyman-hudson.ca) and Face Book to keep in touch with

what is going on at Hudson Pastoral Charge.

